

Church News.

FROM BROTHER D. A. HOPKINS.

As we wait at Laketon Junction on our way home, we drop this line. First a word for our DEAR EVANGELIST BRETHREN: There should be an awakening up along this line. I go into so many homes of our own Brethren, I go to their center table or the paper rack and then I find one or two county papers: the Chicago Times and News, the InterOcean, Cincinnati Enquirer and Gazette, the New York World and Ledger and many others we might name, then I turn to that Brother or his better half and say you have a nice collection of papers. Oh, yes, reading matter is very cheap and we want the children to have plenty of it. Then we say, do you take our church paper? Oh, well yes! well no—times are hard, money matters are not so good with us as they might, and just thought we would economize a little and then we are taking so many papers. Brothers, sisters had we not better economize in the current news of the day and be more liberal pertaining to our spiritual interest. There may be no particular wrong in being posted in the current news of the day while we know by experience there is a particular good in being posted in the general workings of our beloved Brotherhood. The most discouraged members we meet are found among those who take their four and five dollars worth of political papers and cry hard times. We can't take the EVANGELIST, brother. Let me just in a good christian way, shame you a little. If you are a democrat, take your democrat papers; because it is the organ of your party and you want to be posted, and you do the same who are a republican; because you want to be posted. Now if you are a brethren, take the EVANGELIST. It is the organ of your church. Take it and be posted and you will not go round with your head down, and say Oh, dear me! The Brethren church is going to sticks. But you will be happy and cheerful and will say to the doubting ones, the Brethren church is no longer an experiment, but she is acknowledged by the christian world as a power in God's hand for good. I know whereof I affirm I take her organ and I know from the number that is being gathered into her rank weekly that her course is upward and onward.

If you want good reading for your children take the EVANGELIST.

If you can't get your neighbors out to church, give them the EVANGELIST, it will preach to him and he will by and by come to church.

Now brethren come, we want to see that subscription list reach four or five thousand. Please accept this as our best wishes.

FROM FARMERSVILLE, OHIO.

DAER EVANGELIST:—As we had our quarterly business meeting on New Years day with a goodly number of our little flock present and all things

being done in peace and harmony, I believe all present were spiritually benefited, although we could not meet all points financially. Only being sixteen members at this place we are rather weak, but I hope strong in the Lord. Our minister, Bro. Shively will not be with us for some three or four weeks, being called to Bear Creek to hold a series of meetings. My prayer is that many souls may be saved and Christians made more earnest. All Christians should be bound together as a strong chain without one link broken that the world might try us and find strength, but when they pull on us and find that we give, then we have no influence over sinners. Oh! for the links that have been broken among us that they may be bound together with the love of God that we may ever be ready to work for the salvation of souls. Your humble sister,

L. S. HAVENS.

FROM HAYDEN, COLORADO.

DEAR EDITOR, and readers of the EVANGELIST. I will try by the help of God to write a short letter for the paper. I love to read the paper as we don't have many meetings here. We had meeting here in our school-house last Sunday; the minister preached two sermons which we all enjoyed very much; I think the blessing of the Lord was there; he said he would preach for us again in four weeks. Our Sunday-school is still growing with interest; I read of so many good meetings and communions that it makes my heart ache to attend some of them, but as it can't be I hope the Lord may bless you that can enjoy them.

We like this country very much; we have lovely sleighing here now; the snow gets real deep here up in the mountains, it gets from six to ten feet deep, here in the valley it gets about three feet deep. We have good sleighing all winter and this is a very healthy country; we had a very nice Christmas tree here which we all enjoyed very much. I hope that every one had a good time on Christmas. I will close by saying that I am still on the Lord's side; I ask an interest in all your prayers. From a sister.

MRS. ELLEN B. MAGDEN.

FROM WEST INDEPENDENCE, O.

EDITOR EVANGELIST:—In as much as you have not heard from this place for quite a long time I thought perhaps a few lines might be appreciated. The writer began his pastoral work at this place Sept. 16th, '94, this being my first pastoral work. I found among the West Independence people a most agreeable home and a progressive christian spirit among the members, and a host of kind friends. Bro. M. Shively and I. Ross has served this church as pastor, who are still remembered with the highest praise.

We hold services every two weeks at eleven a. m., and seven p. m.

Prayer-meeting every Thursday night. The interest taken is very good and I think our Sunday school will compare with any in the brotherhood. We had services on Christmas day. Song and prayer services at eleven a. m., and at seven p. m. We preached to a full house from Luke 2nd, and tenth and eleventh verses. Just before starting to services Christmas morning we were taken on surprise by quite a number of the members and friends who called upon us to show their regard for us in a real and substantial way. The result of which was our larder was well supplied. Of course the poor excited preacher must give them a speech and all of you brother preachers who have had to pass through such trying ordeals know how to sympathize. Surely they have our thanks for their kindness. We began our protracted meeting here January the 2nd. Of course it has only begun, but the attendance and interest seems good, however we are hopeful that much good may be accomplished. Brethren pray for the success of the cause at Independence. After our meeting closes we will write again if this does not get into the waste basket. Yours for the success of the cause.

M. WHITE.

LEON, IOWA, Dec., 29, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST: We have been somewhat careless about our reports from this place so will write now.

The Lord is still calling sinners to repentance at this place. Since our last report four persons have found us in the good work, and made a start for heaven. We organized a King's Children Society some time ago, but owing to some thinking it was "too denominative" and by their actions stirring up strife, we discontinued that society and helped them organize a Society of Christian Endeavor, as the name does not amount to very much and we are working for the Lord anyway, it does not matter much now it is done just so *it is done*. So the Lord helping us we are going to take this community for Christ. Please excuse this short report. We remain yours in hope

M. P. GARBER.

FROM BETHLEHEM CHURCH, VA.

We closed our 1894 S. S. on New Years eve., with quite an interesting little entertainment, consisting of appropriate recitations etc, interspersed with most excellent music, and treating the school with a nice package of candy. Our S. S. was organized on the first sunday in April with an enrollment of 70. We closed our school with an enrollment of 187. Though having had no experience in S. S. work, they appointed the writer Supt. for 1894. There were those present who had had experience along the line, and we all just went to work like brethren and sisters should, and were willing to learn from each other etc., and in that way

and through the prayers of our good people, we made our school a decided success. Bro E. B. Shaver baptized a dozen young men out of our bible class, which is taught by (sister) Miss Anna Koontz, and a number of them told me that they attributed their conversion more to her rich admonition and kind instruction, than to Bro. Shaver's good preaching. Thank the Lord we hope to have done some good in our S. S. work. We expect to organize again on the first Sunday in March to be ready for first Sunday in April. Considering the cold weather, etc., we had quite a success of our Christmas singing school conducted by Bro. J. H. Hall. Prof. used the proceeds of the school to pay for a splendid organ for the church. By the way Bro. J. H. Hall is one of the biggest hearted men and one of the best if not the best music man in the south. His brother Jos. L. is making his mark preaching. Pray for us.

LEE HAMMER.

BLANCO, PA.

Left my home on the 14th of December for "Quiet Dell", Greene Co., Pa., to assist in holding a meeting; services commenced on the evening of the 15th, continued until the 6th of January when the writer bid "farewell" to all who were present leaving the future meetings in the hands of our dear indefatigable Bro. J. M. Murray who will take and carry on the well begun work of the Master. Four were added to the number of the disciples and were made truly happy in the Lord before the writer left the meeting, others were near the kingdom; hope many may be added during the opportunities afforded them. I should have remained longer and assisted in the work: but on account of affliction in the family, (A case of "Muscular Rheumatism"), I returned home, found the case some improved. On my way going and coming I stopped in the "Smoky City", found lodging, hospitality, and entertainment, in the home of our efficient zealous and successful Elder, D. J. Bole and his dear Christian companion Sister Bole.

The first Brethren church of Pittsburg has had a grand revival. Other points in the city and suburbs are being looked after at which missions may be established. May God bless the work until not only the city of Pittsburg but all the cities in the world may be stirred up and the pure flame of *Christian love* burn upon the tablet of every heart, and may Holy incense arise unto the Lord from every altar and come up before the Lord as a sweet smelling savor, until all nations of earth shall have an opportunity to accept Christ and his salvation. May the God of all grace abundantly bless the pastor, J. M. Murray, and all the beloved in Christ at "Quiet Dell", and Bridgeport, and may he richly reward them and bless them spiritually and temporally, for their kind hospitality extended to the writer.

Brethren and sisters in the Lord